

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Crafters Wanted

For those of you who were disappointed to learn that the Romulus Arts Council's Arts & Crafts Fair was cancelled, there's good news. Romulus High School's Class of 1988 will be holding its own fund-raiser, a Fall Festival Craft Show, on Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Tables (\$25) are still available for crafters who would like to participate. For more information, call Rosalie Berlinn at 941-2170, ext. 16.

### Schools Post Friday Kindergarten Times

Parents of Romulus kindergartners may have noticed that the class schedule that appeared in *Perspective*, the District's newspaper, was incorrect. The correct schedule is as follows.

#### Barth Elementary School

- Group A – Monday & Wednesday, 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.; Friday, 8:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- Group B – Tuesday & Thursday, 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.; Friday, 12 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

#### Cory Elementary School

- Group A – Monday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Group B – Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Friday, 12:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

#### Halecreek Elementary School

- Group A – Monday & Wednesday, 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.; Friday, 8:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- Group B – Tuesday & Thursday, 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.; Friday, 12 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

#### Merriman Elementary School

- Group A – Monday & Wednesday, 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.; Friday, 8:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- Group B – Tuesday & Thursday, 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.; Friday, 12 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

#### Wick Elementary School

- Group A – Monday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Group B – Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Friday, 12:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m. □

## St. Aloysius Festival: A Traditional Favorite

For many local people, Labor Day weekend is synonymous with the annual festival put on by Romulus' St. Aloysius Catholic Church, and so the festival has come to be seen as a sort of last rite of summer – a final opportunity for fun before we doff our shorts, empty the pool, and get ready for the advent of another school year. It is truly a community affair – one of the few that Romulus residents have an opportunity to enjoy.

Everyone is invited to attend the Festival, which will be held at St. Aloysius Church (11280 Ozga Road, Romulus) on Friday, August 30, from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Saturday, August 31, from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Sunday, September 1, from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m.; and Monday, September 2, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Highlights of this year's St. Aloysius Festival include:

### Las Vegas Games

For many Festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas Tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at 15 blackjack tables and a "big six" wheel. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5 (with a maximum winnings per person per day of \$500).

And don't forget: Blackjack pays double!

The Las Vegas Tent will be open Friday from 6 to 11:45 p.m.; Saturday from 4:30 to 11:45 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 11:45 p.m.; and Monday from 1 to 8:45 p.m.

### Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't festive without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime – and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

The Bingo Tent will be open on Friday from 6 to 11:45 p.m.; Saturday from 4 to 11:45 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 11:45 p.m.; and Monday from 1 to 8:45 p.m.

### Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in one or two (or three or four or ...) raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (\$1 tickets; cash prizes of half the money from each hour's sales) and the \$2/3-for-\$5 Raffle (three large

prizes: \$3,000, \$1,000, and \$500). Better yet, since the proceeds from both raffles benefit such a worthy cause, why not buy tickets for each?

### Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Be sure to come out and listen and/or dance to the music of the Polish Kid (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.), Duane Malinowski (Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.), Pan Franek & Zosia (Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m.), the Polka Towners Chapter 2 (Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m.), and the Toledo Polka Motion (Monday, 3 to 8 p.m.).

Those who enjoy a little sleight-of-hand won't want to miss the magic show that's set for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

### Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event to be enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the games and arcade section of the Festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy "checking out" the many old favorites and new challenges offered this year.

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## Local Seniors Win Gold (and Silver, and ...)

The City of Romulus was well represented by 30 senior citizens who participated in the 11th Annual Downriver Senior Olympics, hosted by the City of Woodhaven during the week of August 5–9. This year's program boasted a total of 561 Downriver-area athletes competing in 20 different events which were split into the following age divisions: class "A" – ages 50–59; class "B" – ages 60–69; class "C" – ages 70–79; and class "D" – age 80 and over.

Those Romulus seniors who won medals were: George Abdo (bronze – ping pong, class "C"/male), Paul Dorman (silver – bocce ball, class "C"/male; and bronze – frisbee toss, class "C"/male), Clara Drogs (gold – frisbee toss, class "D"/female), Sylvia Dubisky (gold – basketball, class "B"/female; gold – bocce ball, class "B"/female; and silver – softball throw, class "B"/female), Dorothy Federspiel (gold – pinochle, female), Johnnie Hamilton (gold – bowling, class "B"/female), Hazel Huber (bronze – bowling, class "C"/female), Merle Kelly (bronze – golf – best-ball

scramble, male), Frank Mate (gold – frisbee toss, class "C"/male), Helen Mate (silver – bocce ball, class "B"/female; and silver – frisbee toss, class "B"/

female), Ruth McGoldrick (gold – euchre, female), Edward Zuk (bronze – bocce ball, class "C"/male).

Congratulations to all. □



Some of the City's medal winners: (from left, back row) Johnnie Hamilton, Dorothy Federspiel, and Sylvia Dubisky, and (from left, front row) George Abdo, Paul Dorman, and Merle Kelly.



## Guest Commentary

*Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here.*

### Taxes, Taxes, and More Taxes, or, He's Back!

By Bruce Patterson, Commissioner for Wayne County's 11th District

With the ink not yet even dry on the Board of Canvassers certification of the Proposition P tax increase, County Executive Edward McNamara and the Democrats are back for another bite of your wallet – this time, in the form of Proposition S for the November, 1996 general election ballot.

These characters have never seen a tax increase that they didn't like. Even though the voters of my district voted *resoundingly* against the latest tax increase proposal on August 6, here they come again. Since all but three communities out of 43 in the County said NO, what part of NO don't they understand? Now they want our money to build two new sports stadiums for millionaires to play in. McNamara and his "tax and spend" Democrat cronies won't be happy until they have all of our money.

On a vote of 12 to 3, the Wayne County Commission approved a resolution allowing ballot language for an excise tax to be imposed on hotel/motel accommodations and rental-car operations. Look for it on the bottom of November 1996's long presidential ballot, and expect it to be called a "tourist tax."

However, this is not a tourist tax; it is an *excise tax* which will cost everyone living, working, or doing business in Wayne County more money. They want you to believe it won't cost you anything, but that's nonsense. They call it a "tourist tax" to deceive you into believing you will get two nice new stadiums at no cost. Well, there are no free lunches in this world unless you're a millionaire or a politician doing a millionaire's bidding.

When a businessperson comes into Wayne County and rents a room and a car to go and see his/her suppliers, it will cost more. When they conclude their trip and go back to their headquarters, they will turn in an expense report, and the manufacturer will add those expenses into the costs of the goods and services we buy, making our cost more.

Further, this scheme hits each of us in the pocket book when we rent a moving van, or a recreational vehicle to go on vacation, or a car while our own is in the shop for routine repairs. And any time you or a relative rents a motel/hotel room, the cost will be higher.

Besides these examples, there are many working-class persons who live in the motels along Michigan Avenue in the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights, and Dearborn. They can't afford to pay for a regular apartment, a mobile home, or a house in a subdivision, so they do the best they can on what they have to spend. Or, what about the battered spouse and little children who have to flee home to get away from a night of terror. This will really hurt them. But the Democrats don't care, because, remember, it's only a "tourist tax."

BUNK!

On top of all that, consider what it means for this proposal to suck up \$50 million in corporate contributions to make it possible. That's a lot of money, and it would otherwise be available as donations to local DARE programs, the Salvation Army, the United Way, the Institute of Arts, and other worthy causes, as well as for scholarship programs at colleges and universities such as Schoolcraft and Madonna, Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University. But once it's committed to this stadia deal, it's gone forever.

If that isn't bad enough, consider that, since the two stadiums will be owned by governmental entities, they will not be taxed. Based on \$485 million of construction expenditure, that means that the County of Wayne and its taxpayers are giving up approximately \$19,000,000 a year in tax revenues that could be used for running the courts, helping the Sheriff and the Prosecuting Attorney do their jobs, improving the Friend of the Court, cleaning the drains and ditches, or even paving some of the 1,400 miles of unpaved road in Wayne County. (Or, just filling in the potholes.) In other words, used for attending to the *charter-mandated responsibilities* that the McNamara administration *neglects* month after month, year after year.

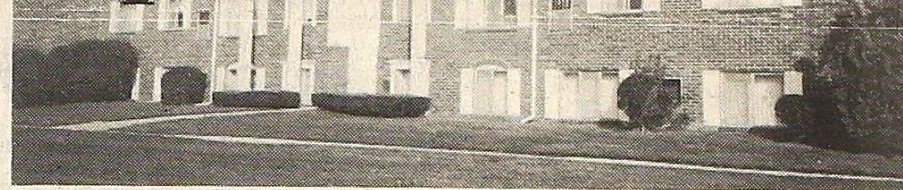
Isn't it ironic that the Queen of England announced just this week that she is proposing to Parliament that the Royal Family no longer receive tax support from *her subjects*, and yet the "Royal Family of Sports Stars" expects us to build them a new play-field. Amazing!

And don't forget that, just as I predicted earlier, McNamara still must come back for yet another tax in 1997. Oh yes, the Juvenile Justice mil expires soon, and watch the fur fly on that issue. Allegations will be flowing fast and furiously, but will the County Executive account for the over \$250 million dollars he has collected and spent since 1988?

Don't count on it! While he fought to

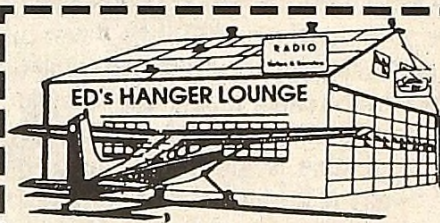
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# Fall Color Tours To Float Your Boat

Sun-drenched forest scenes of aspen gold, oak russet, and maple red framed by crisp blue skies, and still waters drifting by as you watch comfortably from your deck seat.

Flocks of migrating geese and ducks fly overhead as you enjoy a narrated description of local lore, and Nature's tapestry unfolds before you. Another summer's glory may be behind us, but the panorama of color that is fall in Michigan is just ahead, and, for many Michiganders, it's another great reason to hop in the car or mini-van to see the State.

In addition to seeing the season by car, AAA Michigan has fall color tours that will float a boat—either your own, or one of nine commercial ships that run passengers through the peak of the season in each region of the State.

Here's a sampling of some of the most popular boats and schedules, some of which also are highlighted in the September issue of the Auto Club's member magazine, *Michigan Living*. Always call ahead to avoid disappointment. These are popular trips, filling up early, and some require reservations.

## East Michigan

Operating behind Foote Dam near Oscoda for 30 years, the Oscoda area's Au Sable River Queen is one of the most popular fall color trips in the Lower Peninsula.

Tours start in late September, highlighting 19 miles of riverside maples, oaks, and other outstanding hardwoods contrasted against green pines on the water's edge. The paddle wheeler's captain, Bill Norris, points out sights like ducks and geese headed south, and passes on river lore, including what those huge sandy spots you'll see along the river were (only now becoming covered with vegetation, they were used as rollways, where logs crashed into the river for transport to sawmills during the lumbering era). The Queen departs from its dock on River Road, itself a forest scenic byway, east of M-65, or six miles west of Oscoda from U.S. 23, west of Foote Site Village. Reservations and prepayment required. Summer cruises run daily, and special color tours run September 28 through October 20, weather permitting, leaving at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. weekends; noon and 2:30 p.m. weekdays. Cost: \$12 for adults (10% off for seniors); \$4 ages five to 12, ages four and under free. For reservations, please call 517-739-7351.

## Grayling/Roscommon/Mio/Oscoda

Take a ride aboard a historic Au Sable River float boat, or canoe down on the State's best recreational rivers, to enjoy fall color in the Grayling area. The Fly Factory, part of Ray's Canoe Livery in downtown Grayling, offers

guided sight-seeing floats down the Au Sable River aboard historic Au Sable River boats.

Used on the river since lumbering days, the boats usually transport fly fisherman down the river, but also are booked for relaxing sight-seeing and fall color viewing floats. Trips cost \$125 (one or two persons) and include a sandwich lunch, or a grilled riverside lunch for \$25 extra for two. For more information, call The Fly Factory (517-348-5844) or Gates Au Sable Lodge (517-348-8462). In addition, Grayling is the center of canoe rentals along the upper Au Sable. For rental information, usually around \$20-\$30 for a day trip, call its visitor's bureau, at 800-937-8837. Roscommon canoe trips feature paddles through the Mason Wilderness Tract on the Au Sable's South Branch. Liveries are available there, and on the wider, middle Au Sable in Mio and lower river in Oscoda.

## Flint

New last year, the Genesee Belle, operating on Mott Lake, takes up to 149 persons per trip on float trips in September through the 22nd, and on special Halloween floats on weekends in October. Those floats double as fall cruises, since the region's peak color season is early to mid-October, and also gives kids and kids at heart a chance to dress in their best Halloween costumes and get \$1 off park admission. Cruises on the authentic paddle wheeler last 40 minutes. The Belle leaves from Crossroads Village. The Village is open 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekends in September and cruises are scheduled throughout the day. September admission to the Village and the Huckleberry Railroad is \$5.50 for children ages four to 12 (ages three and under free); \$8.25 adults; and \$7.25 for seniors 60 and over. Cruise prices are \$3.75 adults and \$2 for children ages one to 12; 12 months and under free.

In October, admission drops to \$6.50 regardless of age, \$5.50 in costume. Cruise price is unchanged and are weekends-only in October. Call 800-648-7275 or 810-736-7100 for October hours.

For a unique view of wildlife and fall color, take a tour of the Flint River or the wildlife-rich waters in and around the giant Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge near Saginaw with Johnny Panther Quests. Pack a lunch and owner/guide Wil Hufton will take up to six persons in his flat-bottom boat to explore the wilds, and, if you wish, even have a private picnic. Costs start at \$40 per person. Call 810-653-3859.

## Lansing/Grand Ledge

The Grand River meandering through Lansing and Grand Ledge is home of the Michigan Princess, Prin-

cess Laura, and Spirit of Lansing, which cruise sections of the Grand River through December. Trips aboard the Michigan Princess include special fall color luncheon and dinner cruises October 11 through 13 and 20. They depart in Grand River Park on Lansing Road in Lansing. Costs for lunch start at \$24.95 adults; \$21.95 for children ages four to 12. An October 12 color dinner cruise is \$34.95 for adults, \$31.95 children ages four to 12.

The October 20 fall color captain's dinner cruise is \$39.95 for adults; \$36.95 for children ages four to 12. A special October 20 brunch cruise is \$22.95 for adults; \$18.95 for ages four to 12.

Forty-five-minute sight-seeing cruises aboard the Princess Laura and Spirit of Lansing depart from Island Park at Grand Ledge during Grand Ledge's Harvest Festival on October 11 through 13. Cruises are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Costs start at \$7 for adults and \$2 for children ages four to 12; ages three and under are free. Senior rates on Fridays. Call 517-627-2154.

## Saugatuck

The Star of Saugatuck cruises the lower Kalamazoo River from downtown Saugatuck. The paddle wheeler takes up to 82 passengers on 90-minute journeys past ancient and more-recent historical sites along the hardwood-lined river and briefly heads into Lake Michigan. Tours run through mid- to late-September, and, if the weather cooperates and business dictates, into early October. Trips run at 1 and 3 p.m. weekdays and Sundays; and 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and evenings Saturday through at least mid-September. Call 616-857-4261 for schedule after September 13. Fare (cash or check) is \$8 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 12, and free for ages two and under.

## Charlevoix

Sail in Lake Charlevoix aboard the Appledore, an 85-foot, two-masted schooner that can take up to 48 passengers at a time. The ship sails weekends at least through September, and, weather permitting, through mid-October, on Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix. It sails from the Charlevoix Municipal Marina on Round Lake in Downtown Charlevoix, just south of the U.S. 31 bridge, at noon, 2, and 6 p.m.

Beverages and snacks are available on board; the 6 p.m. cruise features wine and cheese. Fare is \$25 for adults (\$30 for 6 p.m.) and \$11 for children four to 14; age three and under are free. Reservations are suggested, as private charters sometimes fill trips. Call 616-547-0024.

## Milford

Since 1958, the Island Queen has paddled around Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark near Milford. While it

ceases operations at the start of Lower Michigan's fall color show, you can still board the 66-passenger Queen on weekends through September 22 for early fall color trips lasting 45 minutes. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for youngsters ages 12 and under, plus park admission fees.

Once the Queen ties up for the year, enjoy a do-it-yourself version from a canoe on the Huron River. Trips begin at Delhi Metropark, near Ann Arbor, and canoeists are shuttled to Hudson Mills to begin. Treat yourself to a glass of apple cider at the Dexter Cider Mill, a popular halfway rest stop. Cost is \$22 for the three-hour trip, including shuttle service. Call 800-477-3178 for Kensington and 313-769-8686 for Delhi.

## Hulbert/Soo Junction

Two tours by water are perennial favorites among fall color watchers, both located along the fabled Tahquamenon River in the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula.

The Tom Sawyer Riverboat Cruise leaves from Slater's Landing, north of Hulbert along M-28, for a 17-mile run to the Tahquamenon Falls.

That trip starts on the river and ends with a 15-minute ride through the woods to the falls aboard the Paul Bunyan Timber Train—wheeled carriages pulled by an antique logging skidder. Nearby, the Toonerville Trolley and Riverboat Ride starts with a train trip that's been a favorite of U.P. vacationers since 1927, then ends with a boat ride to the falls. Toonerville tours run through October 6. Regular rates for adults are \$16. Children ages six to 15 are \$8; under age six are free. AAA discount. Call 906-876-2311.

The Tom Sawyer runs September 1 through October 10, with one trip daily at 10:30 a.m. Round-trip cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children under 16, and free for children under five. Senior and AAA rates. Call 800-732-2331 or 906-876-2331.

## Munising

Pictured Rocks Cruises take fall watchers on trips through October 10 from its dock off M-28 in downtown Munising. The two-hour-plus, narrated trips cover 37 miles of tree-covered cliffs of the magnificent Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. There are two trips daily September 1 through October 10. Cost is \$21 adults and \$7 for children ages six to 12; five and under free. Call for reservations at 906-387-2379. Bring appropriate clothing, as it's often 10 degrees colder on water than on land. □

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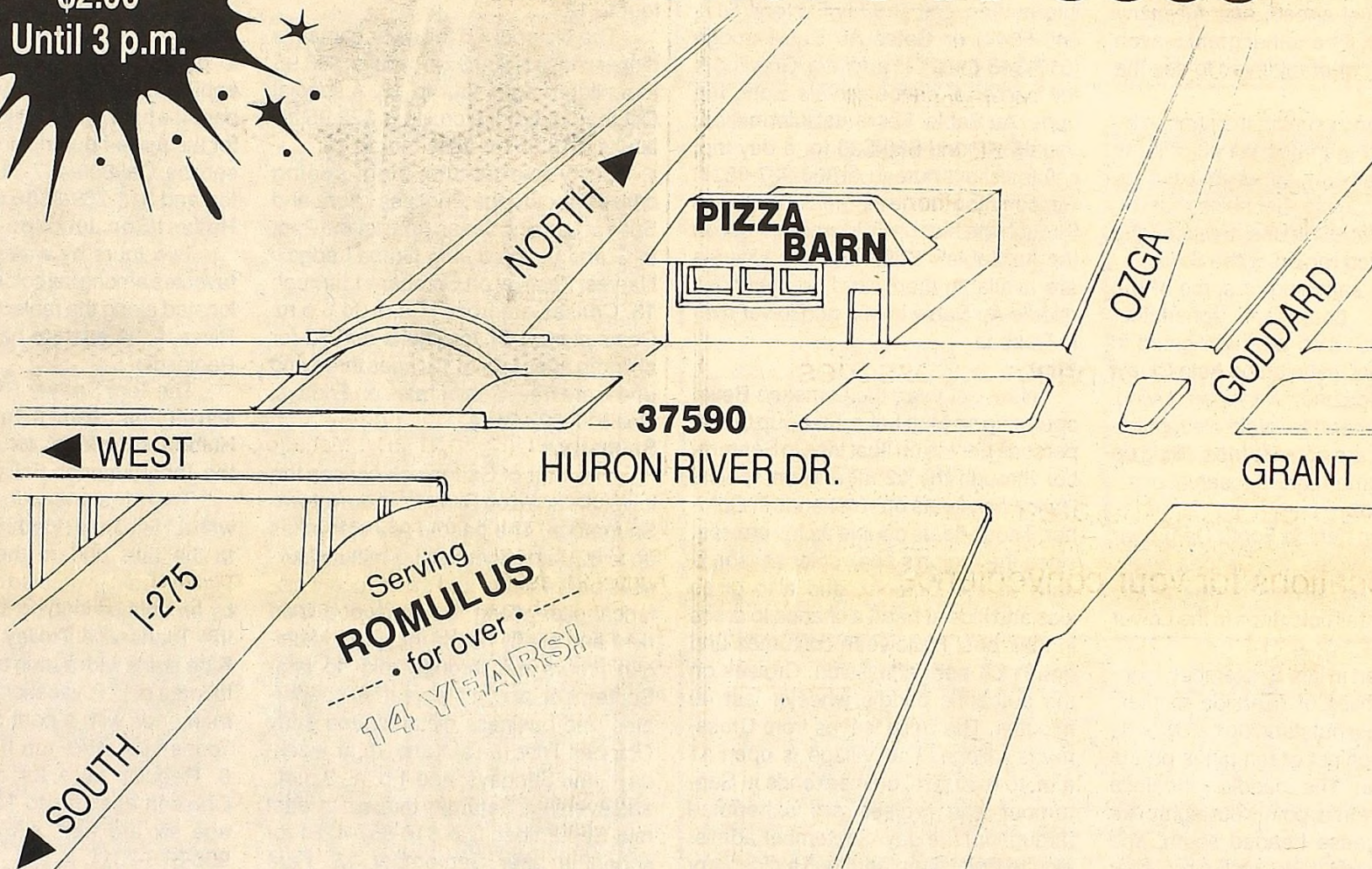


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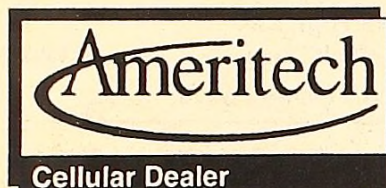
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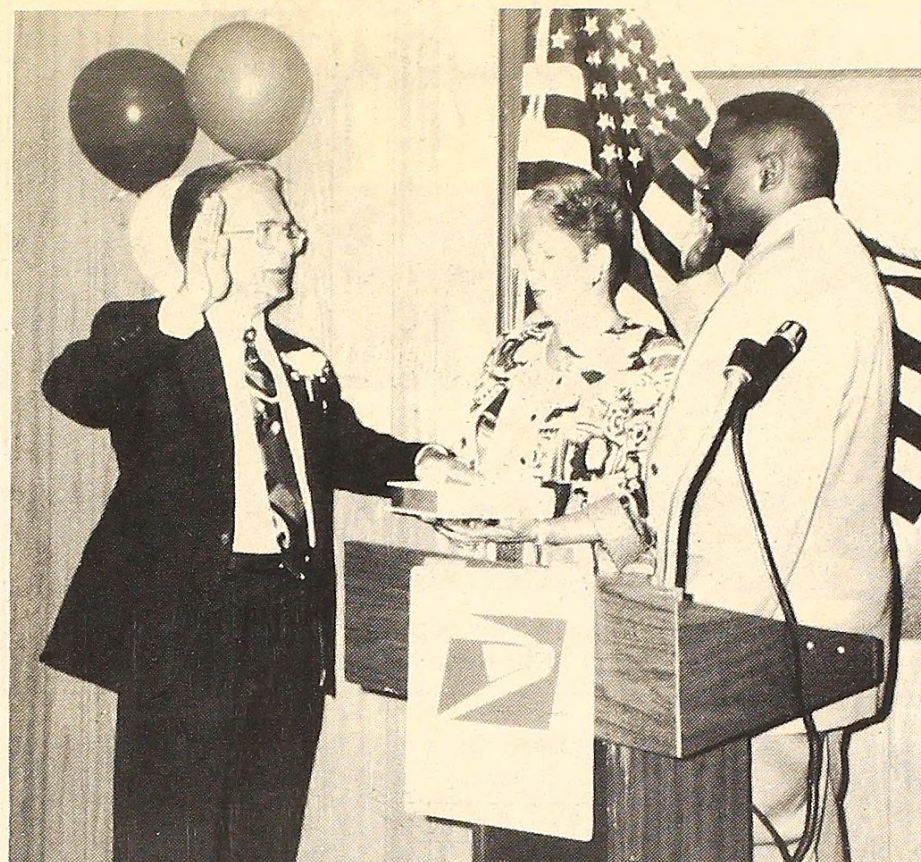
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## New Postmaster Sworn In



Romulus Postmaster Andrew Pietrzyk (left) was sworn in by Carl T. January, Jr. (right), District Manager, Customer Service and Sales.

Welcome to Andrew Pietrzyk, who was sworn in as the new postmaster for the City of Romulus on Wednesday, August 21, 1996.

Pietrzyk began his postal career on Thanksgiving night, 1963, as a not-to-exceed-90-days employee at the General Mail Facility in Detroit. Two years later, he transferred to the Joyfield Station (Detroit 48228).

Later, he was inducted into the United States Army and sent to Vietnam, where he rose to the rank of Specialist, 4th Class, and was awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

When he returned from service duty, Pietrzyk resumed his position at the Joyfield Station, remaining there for 10 years before transferring to the Detroit Air Facility, where he worked for the next 15 years. During his time there, he

held various positions, including express mail technician, express mail coordinator, and expedited services specialist.

In 1994, Pietrzyk was promoted to supervisor of distribution operations, and held many detail positions including supervisor of customer service at various post offices and rural route inspection team member.

Pietrzyk and his wife of 31 years, Carolann, reside in Westland, Michigan. They have two children: Larry and Tony. □

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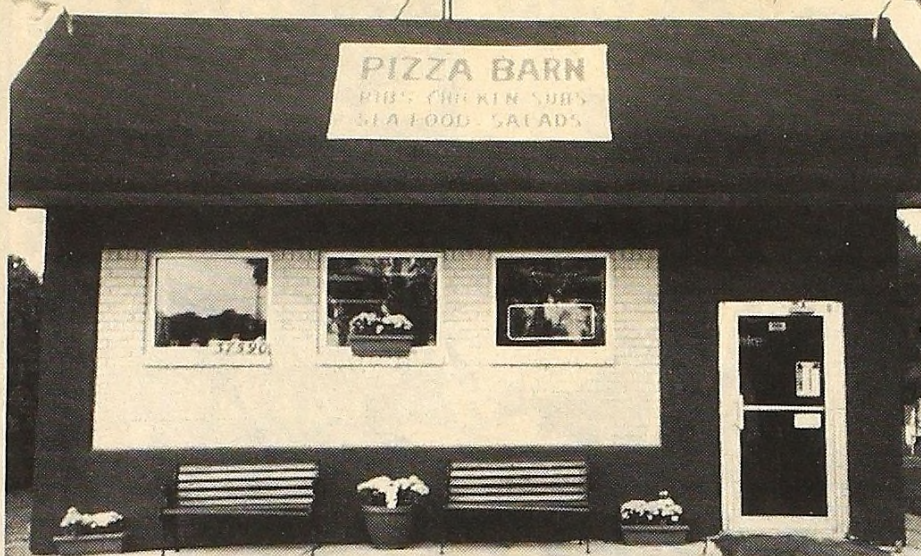
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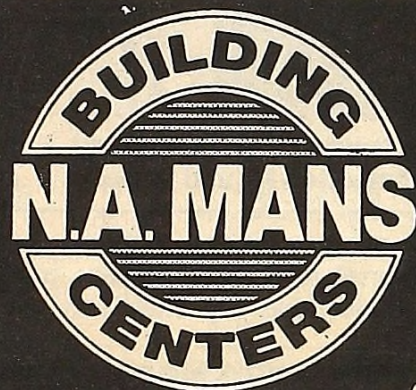
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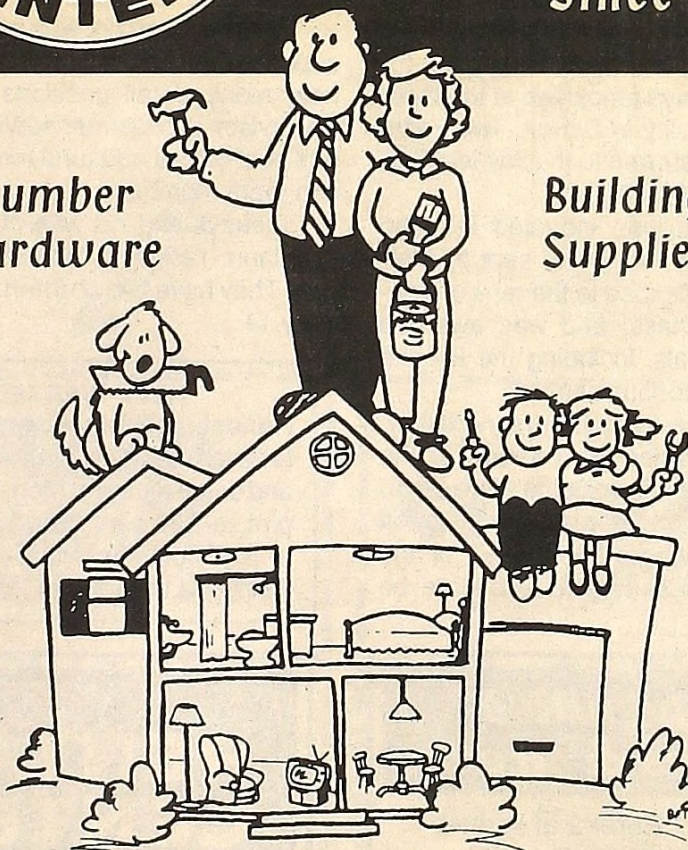
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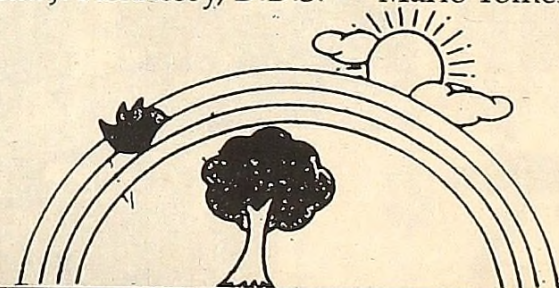
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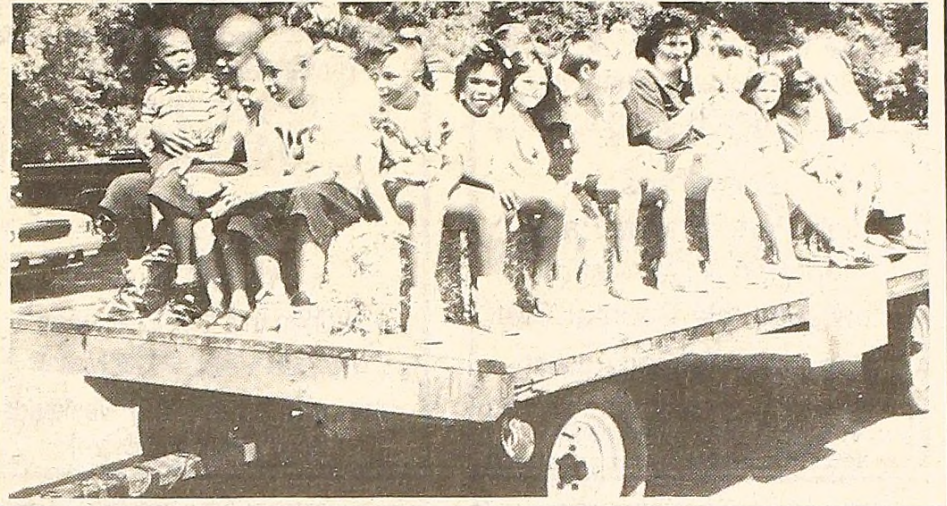
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The Van Buren Park event was a great success, especially for the kids. Klutzy the clown and her assistants were on hand for face-painting, making balloon animals, and just "clowning around." Hayride tours of the park were provided by Brad Traskos with the support of J&T Crova Towing of Belleville. The big hit of the day was the moonwalk, donated by the Abraham brothers, Bill and Lou. This kept the kids "hopping" all day long.

Kids and adults alike enjoyed the hot dogs, cold pop, and chips which were available throughout the afternoon.

According to Oakley, this was not a traditional political event. "I did not want to have a fund raiser as much as a *fun* raiser," Oakley said. "I did not make any speeches or have any raffles; this was just an opportunity to let families get together and have a good time."

Oakley's next function will be an evening cocktail reception at the Royce Hotel on Thursday, September 12.

Anyone with questions regarding Brian Oakley's campaign for office can call 941-4296. □



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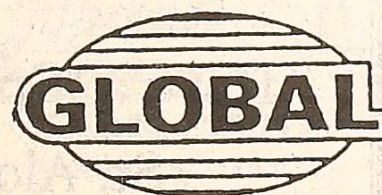
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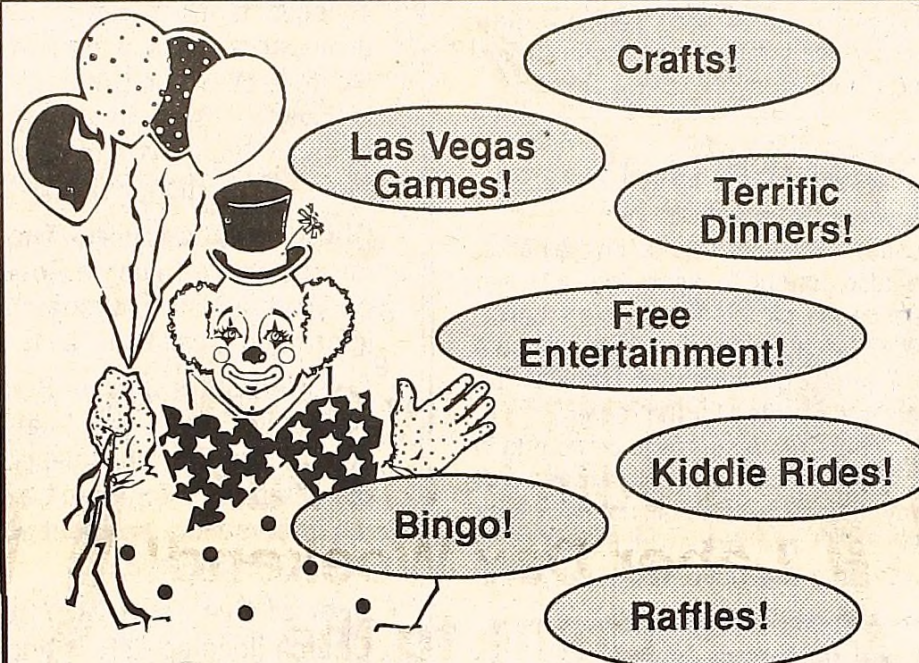
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### Crafts/White Elephant

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### Food . . .

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### . . . and Drink

This year's Spirit Tent will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and Sharps nonalcoholic beverage, in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup. You must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol.

### Don't Forget To Say "Thanks"

The repeated success of the St. Aloysius Festival is the result of a lot of hard work performed by many dedicated people. So while you're enjoying yourself, take some time to thank the

many volunteers who make the fun happen, especially Festival chairman Richard Dick and the various activities chairpersons: Bob Nightingale (advertising); Kris Moe (finance); Dave and Laura Coomer and Ron Arnett (Las Vegas games); Michelle Koromos and Danny Fitts (BINGO!); Larry and Denise Kovacs, Raquel Proost, and Eileen Dombrowski (games and arcade); Cindy Coak (entertainment); Diane Zaleski and Karen Charkiewicz (crafts/white elephant); Josephine Molenda and Vi Pawlowski (kitchen); Mary Ann Ryznar (dining room); Steve Kertesz (Hamburger Villa); Dennis and Nancy Farmer and Bill and Cathy Sovinski (spirit tent); Dolores Abouno and Gail Bowman (hourly 50/50 raffle); and Richard Dick and Chuck Noel (\$2 raffle). □

## COMMENTARY

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put the "excise/tourist tax" on the ballot, he also fought to keep the Juvenile Justice mill off this November's ballot. Why? Because he knew that it should and would get defeated because he hasn't accounted for the money.

There really seems to be no end in sight for the beleaguered taxpayers of Wayne County – at least, not as long as "Big Ed" McNamara is running the show as County Executive. Is it 1998 yet? □

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- **Church Garage Sale** – The Romulus Wesleyan Church will hold a garage sale on Wayne Road south of Ecorse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 4–6. For more information, call 941-1511.
- **Certified Sitter Class** – Become a knowledgeable and responsible baby-sitter when you take this class, to be offered at Oakwood Healthcare Center–Belleville from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11. Topics to be covered include infant/child CPR, choking intervention, accident prevention, and more. To register, please call 1-800-543-WELL.
- **Special Events at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) will host an all-you-can-eat fish dinner (eat-in or carry-out dinners of deep fried/baked fish, French fries/scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, macaroni, roll, Jello, dessert, and drink for a cost of \$6 for adults/\$4 for children five to 11) on Friday, September 13; and a rummage sale on Friday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, September 21 (Bag Day), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 753-9048.
- **Romulus Wesleyan Church Club House** – RWC Club House is a program for children ages four through 12 (up through sixth grade) that teaches life-application Bible lessons through a variety of activities. Participants are divided into three "clubs" based on their age; all receive a T-shirt. The Club House program will be held at the Church (located at Five Points in Romulus) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning September 11 and continuing through April of 1997. For more information, call 941-1511.
- **Nursery School Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery School, located in New Boston, is still accepting applications for the 1996–1997 school year for children ages 30 months to five years. For more information, call 782-2115.
- **Christian Academy Accepting Applications** – The Romulus Christian Academy is presently accepting applications for the fall semester for grades K–12. The academy offers an affordable accelerated education program in a Christian atmosphere. For more information, please call 729-4884 or 729-9546.

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# Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

## Help Wanted

The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for several individuals (age 16 or older, especially adults) who are interested in working part-time for its after-school elementary sports programs. Pay is \$5/hour and up, depending upon the applicant's experience. The program begins Monday, September 16, with hours of 2:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact the Recreation Department.

## Adult Fall Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is currently forming a Sunday "Doubleheader" Fall League for play at Elmer Johnson Park in Romulus. The first game will be played on September 8; playoffs will be held at the end of October.

Only the first 10 teams to register and pay their entry fee will be accepted. The \$300 fee includes softballs, umpires, scorekeepers, field maintenance, and a minimum of 10 games, as well as a two-game elimination tourney at the end of the year.

Sign-ups will be accepted through August 30; however, if 10 teams have not registered by that date, the Recreation Department will take additional sign-ups on September 3 and 4 at a fee of \$325 per team.

A brief managers' meeting will be held at the Recreation office at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 5. Managers' attendance is mandatory because schedules, rules, and softballs will be distributed. Every team must be represented.

## Men's Drop-in Hoops

Beginning October 1, adult men from Romulus (proper I.D. required) will be able to drop in for basketball from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Middle School. Cost is \$2 per evening.

## Adult Coed Volleyball

Also beginning October 1 will be a drop-in volleyball program open to adult Romulus residents (again, proper I.D. required). Play will be held at Cory School on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$2 per evening.

## Quilting Classes

Getting together to combine friendly socialization with the art of quilting is a time-honored ritual as old as America itself – and it's a tradition that the Romulus Recreation Department is doing its part to continue. Drop-in classes for beginning and experienced quilters are held each Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Building. Cost is \$1 for Romulus senior citizens; \$1.50 for other residents; \$2 for nonresidents.

## Ceramics Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department's weekly drop-in ceramics class is open to interested people of all skill levels at the Recreation building each Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 9. Cost is \$1.50 per class for residents, \$2 for nonresidents. An additional firing charge equal to half the cost of the green ware will be due upon completion of each project.

## Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) will begin the first week of October at Merriman Elementary on Wednesdays and Cory Elementary on Thursdays. Middle School students will play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; High School students will play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

## After-school Programs

The Romulus Recreation Department is planning to conduct a recreation program Mondays through Thursdays during after-school hours for students in grades three through six. Participants will play soccer during September and October, floor hockey in November and December, and basketball from January through March. A spring soccer program is also possible.

Cost of the program is \$50 per child for the entire year, or \$20 per sport (includes T-shirt). Cost for a second child from the same family is \$36 for the year or \$15 per sport; additional children from the same family will pay \$30 for the year or \$12 per sport. Payment plans are available, as are partial scholarships (50% off) for those who qualify. Register by September 16.

## Soccer Clinic

Local resident/professional soccer player John Thiede will host a free soccer clinic for children ages five and up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, behind the Recreation building. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, September 18.

## Punt, Pass, & Kick

Romulus youths age eight to 15 are welcome to enter the free Punt, Pass, & Kick competition set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, behind the Recreation building. Boys and girls will compete in separate divisions. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 27.

## Karate

A 10-week karate program for ages seven and up will be held at Romulus Middle School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 10. A cost of \$10 must be paid at the time of sign-up. Only students with a yellow belt or above must have a uniform.

## Cheerleading

The popular Cheer America program will be back in Romulus this fall. The 12-week session will be held at Barth Elementary School from 5 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday beginning September 25 and continuing through December 14 (no class on November 29). Registrations will be accepted at the first class at Barth; cost is \$4 per night.

## Gymnastics

In this year's gymnastics program, classes will be divided by ability level rather than age. (A description of what students should be able to do at each level is available at the Recreation office.) Cost for the eight-week classes, which will be held in the High School wrestling room on Thursdays beginning September 19, is \$35.

Classes will be held according to the following schedule:

- Preschool – 6 to 6:45 p.m.,
- Beginning – 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.,
- Intermediate – 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.,
- Advanced – 8:15 to 9 p.m.

## Dance Classes

Classes in jazz, ballet, and tap will be offered for youths and adults beginning the week of September 23 according to the following schedule:

- Beginning Jazz – ages 10 to 16 (Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., at the High School),

- Middle-school Jazz (Mondays, 3:10 to 3:55 p.m., at the Middle School),
- High-school Intermediate Jazz (Mondays, 2:15 to 3 p.m., at the High School),
- Preschool Ballet & Tap (Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., at the High School),
- Beginning Ballet – ages five to 10 (Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m., at the High School),
- Ballet – ages 11 to 16 (Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m., at the High School),
- Adult Tap (Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., at the High School),
- Adult Dance & Exercise (Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m., at the High School).

Cost is \$20 for after-school classes; \$25 for classes beginning at 5 p.m. or later. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 20.

## Preschool Movement

Preschoolers (ages two to five) will develop important motor skills in this twice-weekly program, which will be held at Mt. Pleasant School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 17 and continuing through Thursday, October 24. Classes will be divided into two age divisions: ages two to three (6:30 to 7 p.m.; \$17) and ages four to five (7 to 7:45 p.m.; \$20). Deadline for registration is Monday, September 16.

## Nursery-school Olympics

This free program, open to children ages five and under, will be held behind the Recreation building on Saturday, September 21, at 11 a.m. (rain date: Monday, September 23, 7 p.m.). Register by Thursday, September 19.

## Theatre Trip

Children of all ages and their parents are invited to participate in this trip to the Northville Theatre to see *Rapunzel* on Saturday, September 21. The bus departs from the Recreation building at 1:15 p.m. and will return at about 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Deadline for registration is Thursday, September 19.

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- ☐ Be extra alert in bad weather.
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### REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 12, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 12, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/96/2 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of July 22, 1996 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval.

1) Retirement: Jan Haynes, Teacher, Effective July 31, 1996.

2) Resignations: Sue Hiser, Teacher, Effective July 31, 1996; and Karole Losey, Secretary, Effective August 12, 1996.

8/96/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley that the Board approve the personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

8/96/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls

8/96/5 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 1996-97 Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls as per the attached letter and agreement from the Garden City Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Workgroup Servers for All Elementary Schools

8/96/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to purchase five (5) Apple Workgroups from Scantron Quality Computers for \$28,225.00. Price to include hardware, software, setup, testing, and training. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Gondek). Motion carried.

##### 1996-97 Maintenance Agreement - Jostens Learning, Inc.

8/96/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and continue the maintenance agreement with Jostens Learning, Inc., for \$60,662.00 for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2 (Gondek and Oleszkowicz). Motion carried.

##### Hardware and Software for Middle School's Typing and Application Class

8/96/8 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and purchase 32 used 386 PC's from Scantron Quality Computers for a total of \$19,200.00. The price includes delivery, setup, and warranty. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Purchase of Board Office Computer Work Stations

8/96/9 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and purchase:

- seven (7) Gateway 2000 computers at \$2,021.00;
- one (1) Hewlett Packard 5 SI MX Printer at \$3,700.00;
- four (4) Hewlett Packard 5M Printers at \$1,700.00; and
- one (1) Compaq Fileserver at \$7,260.00.

WC/RESA will install all equipment and software. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Debbie Romak spoke re counselors following children from 7th-12th grade.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Dolan Article - *Ann Arbor News*; 2) Band Parent Letter; 3) Choice Opt-in District; and 4) Administrative Goals - 1996-97.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek remarked about the comments that were made in Greiner's promotional brochure.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz suggested a date for initiating new Board Members.

##### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/96/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:25 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:12 P.M.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

8/96/11 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## "Never Hate, Just Dislike"



Helen Nellie Zwalesky enjoyed reading about herself and her friends in *Open Up the Doors of the Past*.

*Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School English teacher Cathy Uhring's ninth-grade students and published in the student booklet, Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues of "the little paper."*

*By Rachael Parker, Megan Wilson, Alex Abdo, Robert Samonek, and Erin Jones*

"What goes around comes around." This saying is true for Mrs. Helen Zwalesky at age 84. Mrs. Zwalesky was born on November 11, 1912 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the first born in America. Her other brother was born in Scotland. Her parents were born in Lithuania. Her parents had nine children. When we asked Mrs. Zwalesky about her parents, she described them as wonderful, beautiful, and very religious people. She is very proud of them.

Mrs. Zwalesky remembers that when she was a child her mother told her a lot of stories. Most of these stories had morals that have stuck with Mrs. Zwalesky for all her life. She finds them to be true even today. Two of the morals she remembers very well are, "never hate, just dislike" and "a dumb one won't know that something is wrong and a smart one won't say anything."

When Mrs. Zwalesky was a child, she used to go to a recreation house for fun. There she played cards, roller skated, went to dances, and played a game called "Run, My Sheepy, Run." She also remembers that the lady who ran the recreation house sometimes took her on field trips.

While growing up, she attended a lot of different schools. The last school she attended was Southwestern. She passed the tenth grade and then dropped out. The reason why she did this was to help support her family. She does not regret dropping out.

During the depression Mrs. Zwales-

ky's family had many hardships. Sometimes her family did not have food to eat, so because of this, she got a job during the summer before she would begin the eleventh grade. Since she got a job, her father told her that she did not have to return to school. Even though her family had a hard time, they never gave up. When she got older, she worked at Ford Motor Company for 25 years.

Before Mrs. Zwalesky was married and was dating, she remembers her mother saying, "don't bring me home no shame." Mrs. Zwalesky never did either. She lived at home until she was married. Mrs. Zwalesky was married in 1939 to a man named Simon. She was 26, and he was 30. They had known each other since she was 15. They first met at church. She and her husband had two children. Mrs. Zwalesky was married for 38 years and has been widowed for almost 18 years.

An event that stands out in Mrs. Zwalesky's mind happened when she was a child. She was roller skating and she spotted a man looking around. She went and told her mother. It turned out to be an old friend of her mother's. They had known each other from Lithuania. After her father died, her mother never remarried this man.

Mrs. Zwalesky is a very lovely woman. She has a great appreciation for her parents and is proud of everything they did. She believes that God has been good to her. From what we can tell, he has. Mrs. Zwalesky is a woman who has given more than she has received. She taught us something very important, always respect your parents and be proud of everything you do.

This experience was very exciting. It was nice to help to build the bridge over the gap between youth and Senior Citizens. This was a rewarding and memorable experience that we will never forget. □



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of September: Eva Baker, Bernice Bell, Alice Briggs, Jessie Crandall, Ella Roza, and Lu Yarde.

### Fall Bowling Begins September 9

Headed up by Mary Dolencic, the Romulus Senior Bowling League will begin its fall-season play at the Romulus Bowling Center on Monday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. There are still a few spots open for regular bowlers, and substitutes are needed, as well. For more information, call the Romulus Senior Center.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m. starting September 9); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

### Potluck

Sign up at the Romulus Senior Center if you would like to attend next month's potluck – to be held on Friday, September 20, at 1 p.m. – and feast upon a delicious main course of mostaccioli. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

### Shopping

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, September 6. Space is limited; payment of transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list.

### Other Events

Among the special activities being offered by the Romulus Senior Center during the month of September are trips to Hidden Lake Gardens/Irish Hills Putt-putt (Friday, September 13) and Tiger Stadium (Sunday, September 15). For more information, contact the Center.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Kewadin Casinos** – For those who love to try their luck! The \$80 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this two-day/one-night outing, which departs October 18, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's deluxe accommodation at the Ojibway Hotel, overlooking Sault Ste. Marie's Soo Locks; and \$40 cash back from the casino.

### Flu Shots

Senior citizens can prepare for the upcoming flu season by getting their flu shot at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, September 30, at 1 p.m. Medicare will be accepted; those who are not Medicare subscribers must pay \$15.

### Blood-pressure Checks

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service, free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, September 9, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

### Slim & Trim

**Slim** – The Romulus Senior Center's twice-weekly exercise program – held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. – features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

**Trim** – The Romulus Senior Center has arranged to have a licensed cosmetologist come to the Center once a month to provide haircutting services for seniors. Because of limited facilities, clients are asked to wash their own hair before coming in. Cost is just \$5.

This month's date will be Monday, September 9, at 4 p.m. Seniors will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley will continue his free "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, September 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

### New Members Welcome

The Romulus Senior Center's Club #1 meets at the Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. for social and recreational activities. New members (age 55 and over) are always welcome. □

## Ries Plaque Dedicated at Luncheon



On Tuesday, July 9, Romulus Senior Citizens Club #1 hosted a luncheon for the dedication of the "David Ries Memorial Plaque." Among those in attendance was Mayor William Oakley (right), who joined Club #1 president Connie Pastore (left) in unveiling the beautiful tribute to Club #1 members.

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## Senior Profile: Louise Shropshire

By Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus

Have you ever met someone who you liked right off the bat? Well, that's Louise Shropshire. She's only five feet, three inches tall, but she's 20 feet of laughter, fun, warmth, and positive attitude.

Louise was married for 40 years to her Walice Shropshire, who was suddenly taken from her three years ago. She told me that she had met Walice after she got out of school, and it was love at first sight. "Our life together was good, real good," smiles Louise. You can see the love and pain of losing him in her eyes as she speaks of their lives together.

Raised by her mother, and being an only child, Louise shared a very special closeness with her. "I got almost everything I wanted, but she was strict, and I obeyed. She was the best," remembers Louise. Her mother even moved from Atlanta to live with Louise and Walice. "She was a big help to me while I worked," says Louise. Louise worked for about seven years at Willow Run Airport,

and 31 years with HOST at Metro Airport.

Louise is a very private person, and interviewing her was an honor but extremely difficult. I did find out that she is very content with her life. Her fondest memories are those of fishing and hunting with her beloved husband. She just loves life, people, and having fun. This is so evident when you meet her. I don't believe I've ever heard her say a bad word about anyone, nor have I seen her without a smile on her face.

Earlier this year, several senior citizens and students from Romulus Middle School went on an outing to the Motown Museum. Louise was one of our ladies who attended, and she was paired up with a six-foot-plus, good-looking, eighth-grade basketball player. I think they had more fun than anyone. Louise told me later, "I just don't know how people can say all kids are bad. I guess they just haven't met the kids I've met."

I feel very lucky and blessed that I've been able to get to know Louise Shropshire, and look forward to knowing her better. □



# The Stork Arrived

## Misty Lynn Briscoe



Misty Lynn Briscoe

Denford Allen and Heather Lynn (Sparagowski) Briscoe, Jr., of Flat Rock, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Misty Lynn Briscoe.

Born at Riverside Hospital in Trenton, Michigan, at 8:48 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 1996, Misty weighed in at eight pounds, four ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Anxiously awaiting Misty's arrival was her big brother, Denford Allen Briscoe III.

Misty's paternal grandparents are the late Denford Allen Briscoe, Sr., and Lillian Shirley of Taylor, Michigan.

James and Lucille Sparagowski of Romulus, Michigan, are her maternal grandparents.

## Kayla Michelle Leavitt



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Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Kayla Michelle Leavitt, are Michael and Kathy Leavitt of Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Kayla was born at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Michigan, at 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 1996.

She weighed in at seven pounds, six ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about Kayla's arrival were her big sisters, Julie and Jessica.

Kayla's paternal grandparents are James and Dorothy Leavitt of Fowlerville, Michigan.

Julius and Carolyn Herdon, Sr., of Romulus, Michigan, are her maternal grandparents.

## Marie Alizabeth Gable

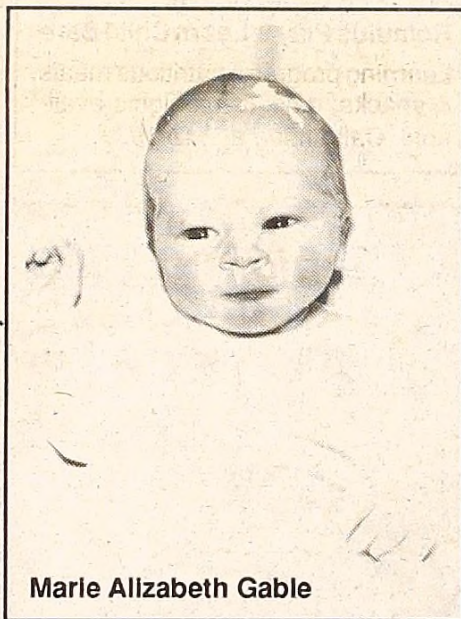
Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Marie Alizabeth Gable, are Mike and Dawn Gable of Melvindale, Michigan.

Marie was born at Wyandotte General Hospital in Wyandotte, Michigan, at 8:07 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 1996, weighing in at six pounds even and measuring 18½ inches in length.

Especially excited about Marie's arrival were her big brothers – Michael, who is six years old, and Matthew, age four.

Marie's paternal grandparents are Lucky and Sharon Ramsey of Taylor, Michigan.

Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Loretta Good of Romulus, Michigan.



Marie Alizabeth Gable

## Congratulations

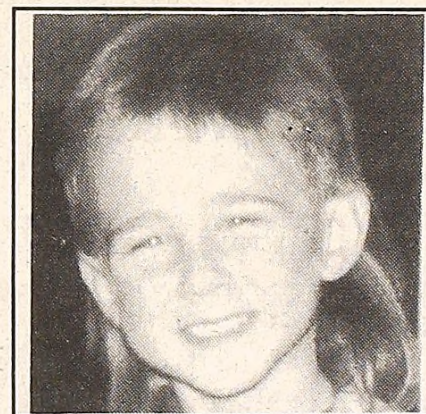
Congratulations to

**Michael Anthony Gable**

on his graduation from kindergarten at Rogers Early Childhood Center in Allen Park, Michigan, on June 12, 1996.

We are so proud of you, Michael!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Matthew, and Marie



## Brandie Lee Paprotzki

Larry and Roberta Paprotzki of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Brandie Lee Paprotzki.

Brandie is the couple's first child.

Born at Oakwood Hospital-Beyer Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5:08 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 1996, Brandie weighed in at eight pounds, three-and-a-half ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Brandie's paternal grandparents are Larry and Peggy Paprotzki of Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Loretta Good of Romulus, Michigan.



Brandie Lee Paprotzki

## Obituary

### Vincent G. Makino

Vincent G. Makino of Canton, Michigan, died on Thursday, August 22, 1996. He was 80 years old.

Vincent was born in Ecorse, Michigan, on May 3, 1916, and married his wife Florence on July 31, 1937. The retired owner/operator of Vince & Sons Grocery Store was also a member of the Romulus Rotary Club.

Surviving Vincent are two sons, Ronald and V. Michael, and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Smith. He was predeceased

by his wife, who passed away on June 21, 1993; one sister, May Sharrow; and one brother, Joseph Makino.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 24, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society. □



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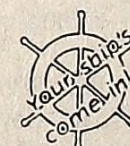
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